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IN PRO-SE

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

JOSE ANTHONY BORTA  
Petitioner

Vs.

Matthew Tate, CDCR  
Secretary  
Respondent

Case NO. - 12-56187

Dist Court Case NO. 09-2420

Petition for Issuance of  
Certificate of Appealability

TO: THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE UNITED STATES  
COURT OF APPEALS, -- FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Comes the Petitioner "JOSE ANTHONY BORTA" acting as his  
own counsel - IN PRO-SE, -- Respectfully moves  
THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT Federal  
Court of Appeals for an ORDER, ISSUING THE  
"Certificate of Appealability"

THIS motion is Based on the Grounds That  
there exist substantial evidence that Petitioner's  
Constitutional Rights have been violated

Petitioner sets forth the following facts  
and law in support of his Request for the  
issuance of the "Certificate of Appealability"

1.) Petitioner filed a Petition for writ of HABEAS CORPUS in the federal district court. 28 U.S.C. § 2254 from California state court conviction. -- Claiming that his constitutional rights were violated and that the state courts adjudications were contrary to or involved an unreasonable application of clearly established federal law -- as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States -- and  
 ----- Resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented in the state court proceeding

2.) on Sept 1-2011, Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation that Petitioner's HABEAS CORPUS be Denied and Dismissed. The District Court Judge adopted Magistrate's Recommendations and Denied and Dismissed the HABEAS CORPUS. -- Next Petitioner filed an initial Request for Certificate of Appealability on 11-29-2011. -- Subsequently on June 5th-2012 the District Court Judge, issued an order Denying the Certificate of Appealability. -- Next the Petitioner filed a timely notice of appeal on June 20th 2012

Petitioner points out that the entire Record from the District Court -- which included state lodged documents as well -- are on file with the Ninth Circuit case NO. 12-56187 in Docket item # 2.

Petitioner respectfully requests that this instant Court take judicial notice of the entire case file from the District Court -- and to treat those documents, -- Records and Pleadings as if though they were fully and fairly set forth in this instant motion for issuance of Appealability

3.)

ORDINARILY, --- TO APPEAL THE DENIAL OF A FEDERAL HABEAS CORPUS PETITION. AEDPA REQUIRES A PETITIONER TO OBTAIN A "CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY" (COA) 28 U.S.C. § 2253(C)(2) see also RULE #22(B) OF F.R.A.P.

THIS REQUIREMENT ALSO APPLIES TO APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURTS DISMISSAL OF A HABEAS CORPUS PETITION, --- SECTION 2253(C)(2) AS AMENDED BY THE AEDPA, PROVIDES THAT A CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY MAY ISSUE, --- IF THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING OF THE DENIAL OF A "CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT" [Slack v. McDaniel] (2000)

529 U.S. 473: --- TO OBTAIN A [COA] UNDER §2253(C) A HABEAS PETITIONER MUST MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING THAT REASONABLE JURISTS COULD DEBATE OR DISAGREE WITH THE DISTRICT COURT'S DECISION ON THE PETITIONER'S CLAIMS --- OR THAT THE ISSUES PRESENTED WERE ADEQUATE TO DESERVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO PROCEED FURTHER (see [Barefoot v. Estelle] (1983) 463 U.S. 880, -- [120 L. ed. 2d 542 at pg 554 "Slack" SUPRA (above)])

4.)

PETITIONER MAINTAINS THAT THE DISTRICT COURT'S DENIAL AND DISMISSAL OF HABEAS CORPUS, WAS WRONGLY DECIDED AND ERRONEOUS AS A MATTER OF LAW --- AND IN KEEPING WITH THIS ASSERTION, SETS FORTH THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND LAW DEMONSTRATING AND MAKING THE REQUISITE SHOWING THAT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED!!!

--- AND HERE AGAIN, PETITIONER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF THE ENTIRE CASE FILE, --- FROM THE LOWER COURTS AND FILE [see 9TH CIR DOCKET ITEM NO. 2] --- AND TO TREAT THOSE PLEADINGS --- RECORDS --- AND DOCUMENTS AS IF THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH IN THIS INSTANT PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY HEREIN --- AND ESPECIALLY THE POINTS AND AUTHORITIES AND MEMORANDUMS OF LAW FILED BY THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES BELOW ???!!

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5.)

THE IMPROPER USE OF GANG ENHANCEMENT CHARGE AND "GANG" EXPERT WITNESSES TESTIMONY OPERATED TO VIOLATE PETITIONER'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS OF LAW AND A FAIR TRIAL UNDER THE SIXTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

PETITIONER MAINTAINS THAT THE ONLY PURPOSE THE GANG CHARGE SERVED WAS TO PREJUDICE AND CONTAMINATE HIS JURY AND DENY HIM A FAIR TRIAL AND DUE PROCESS OF LAW, -- AND RENDERED HIS TRIAL FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR

FIRST OF ALL THE SOLE LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE STATES GANG ENHANCEMENT STATUTE [CAL PENAL CODE § 186.22] -- IS TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT FOR CRIMES WHEN THEY ARE COMMITTED FOR BENEFIT OF "STREET GANG". HOWEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE PRESENT IN PETITIONER'S CASE CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE STATE IS JUST SIMPLY NOT PERMITTED TO USE BOTH THE FIREARM ENHANCEMENT AND THE GANG ENHANCEMENT. THE CAN ONLY LEGITIMATELY USE ONE OF THOSE. SEE CALIF PENAL CODE § 1170.1(f) AND [PEOPLE V RODRIGUEZ] (2009) 47 CAL 4TH 501; SEE ALSO PEN CODE § 654.

THE GANG ENHANCEMENT STATUTE COULD NOT AND CANNOT BE USED TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL PUNISHMENT -- SO THE ONLY PURPOSE IT SERVED WAS TO PREJUDICE AND CONTAMINATE JUROR'S MINDS AND WAS INAPPROPRIATELY USED TO PROVE "IDENTITY" AND TO WRONGFULLY SWAY JURORS TO BELIEVE THAT CRIMES WERE COMMITTED FOR BENEFIT OF THE GANG AND THAT IT WAS SOME KIND OF GANGLAND OR GANGSTER'S HIT OR EXECUTION ATTEMPT.

THE GANG CHARGE SHOULD NOT OF EVEN BEEN PART OF THE PETITIONER'S JURY TRIAL AT ALL !!! IN THE FIRST INSTANCE!

THE PROSECUTION INTENTIONALLY AND INAPPROPRIATELY USED THE GANG CHARGE AND IMPROPERLY MADE IT PART OF THE TRIAL -- SO THAT JURORS WOULD ASSUME THAT CRIMES WERE COMMITTED FOR THE STREET GANGS AND SO THE DEFENDANT MUST HAVE BEEN THE PERPETRATOR -- THE PROSECUTION USED THE GANG CHARGE TO CONVINCE JURY THAT PETITIONER WAS THE PERPETRATOR OR THE SHOOTER WHEN THERE WAS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT PETITIONER WAS THIS PERSON -- IN FACT EYE-WITNESS IDENTIFICATION AT THE TRIAL WAS LITERALLY NOW-EXISTANT -- BOTH VICTIM AND OTHER WITNESS TESTIFIED AT TRIAL THAT PETITIONER WAS, NOT THE PERSON WHO FIRED THE SHOTS (EMPHASIS ADDED) ----

NOTE: ---- ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCEDED ON DIRECT APPEAL THAT § 186.22 GANG ENHANCEMENTS CANNOT BE USED OR IMPOSED IN A CASE THAT CARRIES A LIFE TERM ???

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----- THE PROSECUTION USED THE GANG ENHANCEMENT CHARGE AND GANG EXPERTS TESTIMONY AND SUBJECTIVE HEARSEY OPINIONS TO INAPPROPRIATELY AND PREJUDICIALLY ESTABLISH THE ELEMENT OF IDENTITY AND ATTEMPT TO HOOD-WINK THE JURY INTO BELIEVING THAT PETITIONER WAS THE SHOOTER OR PERPETRATOR

--- IN SHORT --- THE GANG ENHANCEMENT WAS USED TO PROVE THE ELEMENT OF "IDENTITY" WHEN THERE EXISTED NO EXE WITNESS IDENTIFICATION OR OTHER PROBATIVE EVIDENCE ON ISSUES --- OTHER THAN SOME PURPORTED PRETRIAL, EXTRA JUDICIAL INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY ~~THE~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. THAT WAS NOT TAPPED OR OTHERWISE RECORDED -- TOTALLY CONTRARY TO TRAINING GUIDELINES AND POLICES AND PROCEDURES AND THAT INVOLVED WITNESSES WHO DO NOT EVEN SPEAK ENGLISH WHATSOEVER IS THAT AT TRIAL THESE SAME TWO WITNESSES X UNDER OATH AND THROUGH AN INTERPRETOR -- BOTH DENIED THAT SAID INTERVIEW OR OUT OF COURT ID -- EVER TOOK PLACE -- AS A BARE MINIMUM HERE -- THERE JUST SIMPLY DID NOT EXIST SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AT TRIAL TO PROVE BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT THE ELEMENT OF IDENTITY AND UNDER JACKSON V VIRGINIA (1979) 443 U.S. 307: VIOLATES DUE PROCESS AND COMPELS REVERSAL ???

--- AND JUST FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT -- UNLESS THE VICTIM AND SECOND WITNESS HAD PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE -- WHERE THEY DID IN FACT PERCEIVE PETITIONER AS THE SHOOTER -- THEIR TESTIMONY AND ID AT TRIAL IS SIMPLY NOT EVEN ADMISSIBLE AND NOT RELEVANT AS A MATTER OF LAW [SEE CALIF EVIDENCE CODE § 403(C)]

TAKE AWAY THE GANG CHARGE OFFENSE AND ALL THAT IS LEFT WOULD BE AN EMPTY SHELL - WITHOUT ANY VIABLE OR PROBATIVE EVIDENCE THAT IS RELEVANT AND ADMISSIBLE THAT COULD OF BEEN USED OR RELIED ON TO SUFFICIENTLY PROVE ALL OF THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF THE UNDERLYING OFFENSES !!!

SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO POINT OUT HERE! IS THAT THE FIRST TRIAL OF THIS MATTER RESULTED IN A HUNG JURY 7-5 FOR ACQUITTAL - BECAUSE THE JURORS COULD NOT AGREE THAT PETITIONER WAS THE SHOOTER (EMPHASIS !!)

PETITIONER MAINTAINS -- THAT TO ALLOW THE GANG CHARGE AND GANG EXPERTS SUBJECTIVE HEARSEY TESTIMONY THAT PERTAINS TO OR RELATES TO ULTIMATE ISSUES OF FACT ON GUILT OR TO ESTABLISH NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF THE UNDERLYING OFFENSES --- VIOLATES PETITIONER'S 6TH AND 14TH AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND INVADERS THE PROVING OF THE JURY TO DETERMINE ALL RELEVANT FACTS, AND THAT ARE BASED UPON ADMISSIBLE, RELEVANT EVIDENCE !!!



--- And as Petitioners' Defense attorneys APPEAL ROUTED OUT ON DIRECT APPEAL --- "to allow such evidence deprives a Defendant of Due Process of Law and His Right to a JURY TRIAL UNDER THE SIXTH and FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE U. S. CONSTITUTION (see GEN. SULLIVAN V LOUISIANA) (1993) 508 U.S. 275; see also People v PARTIDA (2005) 37 Cal App 4th 428 at pg 435, see (4013 pg 17) Direct appeal, state court where court found that Defendants OBJECTION TO GANG testimony UNDER EVIDENCE CODE § 352, -- ALLOWED HIM TO ARGUE ON APPEAL THAT ERROR VIOLATED HIS FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS --- !!)

--- FURTHERMORE, --- SUCH ERRORS IMPLICATE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS AS WELL AS SIXTH AMENDMENT ~~RIGHTS~~ PRINCIPALIS PRESERVING THE EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF THE TRIAL OF FACT see case of CARRELLA V CALIFORNIA (1999) 491 U.S. 263 at 265;

where a JURY IS NOT GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE RELEVANT FACTUAL QUESTIONS THE DEFENDANT IS DEPRIVED OF HIS RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL U.S. V McCLAIN (5TH CIR 1977) 545 F.2D 988;

EVIDENCE IS UNFAIRLY PREJUDICIAL, --- IF IT WILL INDUCE THE JURY TO DECIDE THE CASE ON AN IMPROPER BASIS --- RATHER THAN ON EVIDENCE PRESENTED U.S. V MILES (7TH CIR 2000) 207 F.3D 988.

EVIDENCE THAT IS AT LEAST AS CONSISTANT WITH --- "INNOCENCE" AS WITH GUILT, --- IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT A GUILTY VERDICT U.S. V BERGER (2ND CIR 2000) 244 F.3D 107;

--- "FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR" ERRORS DURING TRIAL VIOLATED 14TH AMENDMENT RIGGINS V NEVADA (1992) 504 U.S. 127, --- THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE "FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS" INQUIRY IS TO PROVIDE RESPECT ENFORCED BY LAW FOR THAT FEELING OF JUST TREATMENT WHICH HAS EVOLVED THRU THE CENTURIES OF ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE V McGRATH (1951) 341 U.S. 123; --- THE JUDICIAL OBLIGATION TO POLICE STATE CRIMINAL PROCEEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE CONSISTANT WITH OUR MOST BASIC NOTIONS OF DECENCY AND FAIRNESS HAS SURVIVED THE SELECTIVE INCORPORATION REVOLUTION AND EXISTS INDEPENDENT OF ANY SPECIFIC PROVISION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS (see CHAMBERS V MISSISSIPPI (1973) 410 U.S. 284, 294-95. ALSO see BRICENO V SCRIBNER (9TH CIR 2009) 555 F.3D 1069 at 1089 FN.#1 where IF AN EXPERT EXPRESSED HIS JUDGMENT THAT CRIMES WERE COMMITTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GANG, THIS WOULD BE IMPROPER AND AMOUNT TO AN EXPERT OPINION THAT DEFENDANT WAS GUILTY (EMPHASIS ADDED)

--- Furthermore, the Magistrate's Report + Recommendation on pg 17; Lw 10-19; asserts that the ERRONEOUS ADMISSION OF GANG expert testimony is only subject to Federal HABEAS CORPUS ---  
 --- & a SPECIFIC CONSTITUTIONAL GUARENTEE IS VIOLATED --- OR  
 THE ERROR IS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT RESULTS IN A DENIAL OF  
 DUE PROCESS AND THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL --- (citing  
Henry V Kernan) (9TH CIR 1999) 197 & 3D 1021, 1031;

--- ADDITIONALLY, THE ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE VIOLATES DUE PROCESS "when two circumstances are met: (1) there are NO PERMISSIBLE inferences the jury may draw from the evidence; AND ---  
 --- (2) THE EVIDENCE IS OF SUCH QUALITY AS NECESSARILY PREVENTS a fair TRIAL JAMMAL V VAN DE KAMP (9TH CIR 1991) 926 & 2D 918, 928;

THIS PETITIONER HEREIN asserts and maintains that all of these STANDARDS and PRONGS cited ABOVE are PRESENT IN HIS CASE !!

--- ~~FOR EXAMPLE~~

6.) FOR EXAMPLE!? THE PROSECUTION FILED A  
 FRAUDULENT, "COUNTERFEIT GANG CHARGE OFFENSE THAT  
 ONLY SERVED TO POISON AND Taint HIS JURY TRIAL AND  
 --- CREATED AN ILLEGAL "IMPERMISSIBLE INFERENCE" OR  
 PRESUMPTION IN JURORS' MINDS --- THAT PETITIONER WAS GUILTY  
 WITHOUT REQUIRING THE PROSECUTION TO PROVE THIS WITH EVIDENCE  
 --- AND THIS REDUCED, --- RELIEVED AND LIGHTENED STATES BURDEN  
 TO PROVE EACH AND EVERY ELEMENT OF THE CRIMES BEYOND  
 A REASONABLE DOUBT --- AND SHIFTED THE BURDEN OF PROOF TO  
 THE DEFENSE --- THIS VIOLATES DUE PROCESS OF LAW (see  
MAE! WINSHIP) (1970) 397 U.S. 358, 364; AND ALSO  
SANDSTROM V MONTANA (1979) 442 U.S. 510

THE PROSECUTION IN STATE COURT "DID NOT"  
 PRESENT ANY SOLID, PROBATIVE, RELEVANT OR ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE  
 THAT SUFFICIENTLY ESTABLISHED PETITIONER AS THE PERPETRATOR OR THE  
 SHOOTER --- OR THAT HE EVEN FIRED A GUN -- NO GUN WAS IN  
 EVIDENCE -- NO GUN SHOT RESIDUE EVIDENCE -- NO BALLISTICS --  
 --- NO eye witness identification --- NOTHING WHATSOEVER ---  
 --- EXCEPT THE EMOTIONALLY CHARGED SCORE TACTIC EVIDENCE  
 RELATIVE TO STREET GANGS --- AND ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT GANGS  
 AND GANG MEMBERS -- POISONED THE JURY -- AND THE WAY  
 THAT THEY BOOT STRAPPED ALL OF THIS TO PETITIONER --- CREATED THE  
 IMPRESSION IN THEIR MINDS OF THE JURORS --- THAT PETITIONER  
 IS DANGEROUS AND HAS A DISPOSITION OR PROCLIVITY TO COMMIT  
 THESE TYPES OF VIOLENT CRIMES, AND THUS FORMULATED ~~THE~~ THE  
 OPINION THAT HE PROBABLY ALSO COMMITTED THE INSTANT  
 OFFENSES AS WELL?! --- THESE CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT COMPART WITH  
 DUE PROCESS AND A --- FAIR TRIAL !!!

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7.) Petitioner asserts and claims that his right to "PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE" was violated and he was denied a fair trial

--- the "PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE" ALTHOUGH NOT articulated in the constitution --- IS A BASIC COMPONENT OF A FAIR TRIAL UNDER OUR SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (see Estelle v. Williams (1976) 425 U.S. 501, 503). THIS PRINCIPLE HAS ARISEN IN THE PAST IN THE CONTEXT OF PRISON GARB OR COURT ROOM SECURITY MEASURES --- HOWEVER THE COURTS HAVE ALSO EXTENDED AND APPLIED IT TO OTHER FACTORS THAT UNDERMINE THE FAIRNESS OF THE FACT FINDING PROCESS FOR EXAMPLE: IN NORRIS V. RISLEY (9TH CIR 1990) 918 F.2D. 828, --- PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE IMPAIRED, WHERE NUMEROUS WOMEN WERE WEARING "WOMEN AGAINST RAPE" BUTTONS ATTENDED TRIAL OF DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT --- OR THE CASE OF UNITED STATES V. OLIVERA (9TH CIR 1994) 30 F.3D 1195, --- COMPELLING DEFENDANT TO utter WORDS THE ROBBER SPOKE TO BANK TELLER --- OR TO REQUIRE A DEFENDANT TO PUT ON A SKI MASK --- WAIVE A TOX GUN AND SHOUT "GIVE ME YOUR MONEY" {ID. at 1197}

Petitioner HERE IN THIS INSTANT CASE ASSERTS THAT CIRCUMSTANCES -- EVENTS -- AND UNSCRUPULOUS TRIAL TACTICS THAT WERE EMPLOYED BY PROSECUTION AT HIS JURY TRIAL --- OPERATED TO VIOLATE HIS "PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE" AND DENIED HIM A FAIR TRIAL AND DUE PROCESS --- FOR EXAMPLE! [including BUT NOT LIMITED TO] --- FIRST OF ALL THE PROSECUTION DID NOT ESTABLISH WITH DIRECT RELIABLE EVIDENCE, -- THAT PETITIONER DID ANYTHING --- OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT HE MAY HAVE -- IN THE PAST HAD SOME TYPE OF ASSOCIATION OR INTERACTION WITH THE STREET GANG IN QUESTION -- OR HAD KNOWN OR BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A COUPLE OF THEM --- NO ONE AT TRIAL WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY PETITIONER AS THE PERPETRATOR --- THEY OBTAINED CONVICTIONS OF THESE UNDERLYING OFFENSES THROUGH SPECULATION --- CONJECTURE AND THE SUBJECTIVE PERSONAL BELIEFS OR OPINIONS OF FROM THE SAME PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE OPPOSING PARTIES TEAM AND THAT WERE PROSECUTING HIM -- AND WITH EXTRA JUDICIAL --- DOUBLE --- TRIPPLE HEARSAY STATEMENTS --- THAT CONFLICTED WITH THE TESTIMONY ACTUALLY GIVEN AT TRIAL UNDER OATH --- THE TRIAL WAS AN EMPTY SHELL WITH NO RELIABLE EVIDENCE, -- THAT WAS COMPLETED WITH SMOKE AND MIRRORS -- INSTEAD OF EVIDENCE?



8.) --- #w Keeping with Petitioner's Assertion that He was Denied "Due Process" And That His Trial was "Fundamentally Unfair" --- Petitioner Reiterates that the Prosecution's Case Revolved Entirely Around - using the scare tactics about the criminal street gangs and boot-strapping Petitioner to them by past prior association or causal interaction -- clothes -- tattoo - etc - etc --- then telling the Jurors that said Gang's primary activities are violent crimes -- some of which were exact same crimes Petitioner was charged with --- THIS IS POWERFUL STUFF TO A JURY OF REGULAR CITIZENS; -- AND CREATES IN THE MINDS OF THE JURORS, THAT # Petitioner was involved with these DANGEROUS violent, UNSAVORY GANG MEMBERS -- THAT HE MUST ALSO BE GUILTY OF THE INSTANT VIOLENT OFFENSES TO WHICH HE WAS ON TRIAL FOR!! --- WHEN NO EVIDENCE WAS PRESENTED TO PROVE EVERY ELEMENT OF THOSE OFFENSES BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT --- THIS IS CONSTITUTIONALLY INVALID FOR # UNDERMINES THE FACT FINDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE THE EXISTENCE OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE CRIMES -- BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT -- AND BASED UPON FACTS AND EVIDENCE --- AND NOT BASED ON SPECULATION & CONJECTURE AND SUBJECTIVITY OR PERSONAL BELIEFS OR OPINIONS!! AT PETITIONER'S TRIAL --- THIS AMOUNTED TO NOTHING SHORT OF "PROPNESITY EVIDENCE" AND ONLY SERVED TO ~~PREY~~ PREY ON THE EMOTIONS OF THE JURY AND LEAD THEM TO MISTRUST THE DEFENDANT --- AND LEAD THEM TO BELIEVE OR ASSUME THAT HE WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO WOULD COMMIT SUCH CRIMES!!!

THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS CASE OF: ---  
 -- { MCKINNEY V REES } 9TH CIR 1993 993 F.2D 1378,  
 IS VERY SIMILAR AND CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PETITIONER'S CASE: --- IN THIS CASE THE FATHER AND SON WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE [THEIR HOUSE] OF A MURDER --- THEIR BLOODY CLOTHES WERE FOUND AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OF SAID HOUSE -- OTHER THAN THE EXISTENCE OF THE DEAD BODY AT THE HOUSE, -- THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO OTHER EVIDENCE AGAINST DEFENDANT -- THE PROSECUTION USED DEFENDANT'S FACINATION WITH KNIVES AND HIS COLLECTION OF KNIVES --- AND PAINTED A PICTURE OF HIM WITH A COMMANDO LIFESTYLE AND BASICALLY CONVICTED "MCKINNEY" ON THE BASIS OF HIS SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER AND PREVIOUS ACTS ---

----- THE HIGH COURT STATED THAT THIS WAS ERRONEOUS USE OF  
 "PROPENSITY EVIDENCE" THAT RENDERED "MCKINNY'S" TRIAL  
FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR IN VIOLATION OF THE DUE PROCESS  
 CLAUSE AND FOUND THAT THIS HAD SUBSTANTIAL INJURIOUS  
EFFECT OR INFLUENCE IN DETERMINING THE JURY'S VERDICT  
 (CITING) BRECHT V ABRHAMSON 507 U.S. 619; AND  
 GRANTED HABEAS CORPUS RELIEF ("EMPHASIS ADDED")

THE COURT FURTHER STATED ----- IN THIS SITUATION -----  
 "MCKINNY'S" TRIAL WAS IMPERMISSIBLY TINTED BY "IRRELEVANT"  
 EVIDENCE, SUCH THAT IT IS MORE THAN REASONABLY LIKELY  
 THAT THE JURY DID NOT FOLLOW ITS INSTRUCTIONS TO  
 WEIGH ALL THE EVIDENCE CAREFULLY --- BUT INSTEAD SKIPPED  
 CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE LOGICAL INFERENCES RAISED BY THE  
 CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE --- AND CONVICTED "MCKINNY"  
 ON THE BASIS OF HIS SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER AND PREVIOUS ACTS  
 IN VIOLATION OF OUR COMMUNITY'S STANDARDS OF FAIR PLAY  
 [MCKINNY ID AT PG 1385]

----- FURTHERMORE, THE COURT REACHED THE CONCLUSION  
 THAT THE ERRONEOUSLY ADMITTED CHARACTER EVIDENCE WAS NOT ONLY  
 IRRELEVANT --- BUT JUST THE SORT OF EVIDENCE LIKELY TO HAVE A  
STRONG IMPACT ON THE MINDS OF THE JUROR'S -----

--- AND BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF A "WEIGHTY" CASE AGAINST  
 "MCKINNY" AND PERSUASIVENESS OF THE ERRONEOUSLY ADMITTED  
 EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL -- WE THINK IT HIGHLY PROBABLE  
 THAT THE ERROR HAD A SUBSTANTIAL INJURIOUS EFFECT AND  
 INFLUENCE UPON THE VERDICT !!! [MCKINNY SUPRA AT PG 1386]

--- IT IS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY'S SENSE OF FAIR PLAY THAT  
 PEOPLE ARE CONVICTED BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE! -- NOT  
WHO THEY ARE THIS RENDERED TRIAL FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR (FBID)

SEE ALSO CASE OF [ALCALA V WOODFORD] (9TH CIR 2003)  
 334 F.3D 862 AT 887! --- WHERE KNIVES IN DEFENDANT'S  
 HOME SAME BRAND AS MURDER WEAPON --- FOUND, IRRELEVANT  
 ADMISSION OF IRRELEVANT EVIDENCE WAS A VIOLATION OF THE  
 RIGHT TO FAIR TRIAL AND DUE PROCESS GUARANTEED BY FEDERAL  
 CONSTITUTION! --- WHATSMORE IS THAT THE TWO CASE'S  
 RELIED UPON BY DISTRICT COURT TO DENY PETITIONER'S HABEAS CORPUS  
 [TAMAL V VAN DE KAMP] SUPRA 926 F.2D 918; AND [HENRY V KEWAN]  
 SUPRA 197 F.3D 1021 -- ASSERTING THAT FEDERAL HABEAS CORPUS  
 COURTS DO NOT REVIEW QUESTIONS OF STATE EVIDENCE LAW  
 [SEE MAGISTRATES R+R PG 17] HOWEVER BOTH THESE CASE'S WERE  
 CITED BY MCKINNY DISTINGUISHED AND FOUND INAPPLICABLE ??  
 MCKINNY V REES SUPRA 993 F.2D AT 1384-1385. FN 11

where court cited Henry v Estelle (9th Cir. 1993) 993 F.2d

1423, in which it also found that erroneous admission of ~~irrelevant~~ prior acts evidence was distinct from the situation in Estelle v McGuire 502 U.S. 62; -- and a violation of Due Process that necessitated the grant of Habeas under Brecht

The herein instant Petitioner's case also requires Reversal and Remand under these same legal principles and Rationale?

Here in Petitioner's case, there has been a huge "miscarriage of justice" -- Because he is "actually innocent"

Furthermore, there existed numerous other witnesses on that street the day of the shooting, and law enforcement never interviewed or tried to talk to any of them -- and recently Petitioner has learned that there may of been many of those witnesses who had seen what happened, -- and saw a similar but different black car from same neighborhood, that belonged to a violent street gang, -- "that was not in fact this Petitioner" -- and that lived in the area as well -- However the lawyer's below in state court, DID NOT adequately investigate into this -- nor try. Develop such facts -- and thus were never given due consideration

9.)

next is that, not only was gang charge + expert witness testimony used to bolster and inappropriately prove or create impermissible inference of identity -- but

that also there was insufficient evidence at trial to prove each and every element of the gang enhancement which is also a violation of Due Process of law under U.S. Constitution Jackson v Virginia supra 443 U.S. 307; Ende: Winship supra 397 U.S. 358

The ninth circuit has recently ruled on this same issue. under identical or very similar circumstances that are present in this Petitioner's instant case, see Garcia v Carey (9th Cir 2005) 395 F.3d 1099; and

Briceño v Scribner (9th Cir 2009) 555 F.3d 1069; -- in both these cases the court found an un-

reasonable application of "Jackson v Virginia" supra and Reversed and Remanded those cases ("emphasis added") --

--- WHAT'S MORE, IS THAT THESE TWO CASES HAD EVEN MORE GANG EVIDENCE, THAN PETITIONER'S CASE HEREIN -- FOR EXAMPLE! IN "GARCIA" SUPRA 395 F. 3D AT 1101, - THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED A ROBBERY ON GANG TURF, AND ANNOUNCED HIMSELF TO VICTIM AS "LITTLE RISKY FROM EL MONTE FLORES, HIS GANG AND WAS ALSO WITH TWO OR THREE OF HIS COHORTS AS WELL IN "BRILENO" HIM AND HIS CO-DEFENDANTS BOTH ACTIVE GANG MEMBERS OF THE FOUR TIMES STREET GANG COMMITTED A SERIES OF MULTIPLE ROBBERIES TOGETHER, IN COSTA MESA -- GARDEN GROVE AND ANAHEIM -- BOTH HAD GANG TATTOOS AS WELL --- HELD INSUFFICIENT ??!!

FIRST, THE PROSECUTOR MUST ~~PROVE~~ DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED A FELONY FOR THE BENEFIT OF, - AT THE DIRECTION OF, OR IN ASSOCIATION WITH A CRIMINAL STREET GANG --- SECOND --- THE PROSECUTOR MUST SHOW THAT THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE CRIME'S WITH THE "SPECIFIC INTENT" TO PROMOTE, FURTHER OR ASSIST IN ANY CRIMINAL CONDUCT BY GANG MEMBERS -- FURTHERMORE THE COURT HAD PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THESE TWO REQUIREMENTS SEPARATE --- AND HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THE SECOND STEP IS NOT SATISFIED BY MERELY MEMBERSHIP IN A CRIMINAL STREET GANG ALONE CITING GARCIA V COBEY SUPRA 395 F. 3D. 1099 AT 1102-03 AND NO. 5.

BRILENO V SCRIBNER SUPRA 555 F. 3D AT PG 1078: AND FOOTNOTE NO. 6 AT PG 1089: WHERE COURT EMPHASIZED THAT CRIMES MAY NOT BE FOUND TO BE GANG RELATED, BASED SOLELY UPON A PERPETRATOR'S CRIMINAL HISTORY AND GANG AFFILIATION ("EMPHASIS")

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN PETITIONER'S CASE HEREIN --- BECAUSE THERE WAS LITERALLY NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER --- EXCEPT THE GENERIC, SPECULATION AND CONJECTURE AND SUBJECTIVE OPINIONS OF THE PROSECUTOR'S GANG EXPERT WITNESS --- AND BOTH "GARCIA" AND "BRILENO" HELD, THAT THIS IS WHOAFULLY LACKING AND INSUFFICIENT

--- HERE AGAIN, SOMETHING MORE THAN AN EXPERTS WITNESSES UNSUBSTANTIATED OPINION THAT A CRIME WAS COMMITTED FOR BENEFIT OF, -- AT THE DIRECTION OF --- OR IN ASSOCIATION WITH CRIMINAL STREET GANG IS REQUIRED TO JUSTIFY A TRUE FINDING ON A GANG ENTRAPMENT

----- THE GANG EXPERTS SELF SERVING, SUBJECTIVE SPECULATION AND OPINIONS --- DID NOTHING MORE THAN IMPROPERLY INFORM THE JURY HOW [THE EXPERT] BELIEVED THE CASE SHOULD BE DECIDED --- WITHOUT ANY UNDERLYING FACTUAL BASIS TO SUPPORT IT see INVE! FRANK S (2006) 141 CAL APP 4TH 1192 AT 1197; AND PEOPLE V KILLERBREW (2002) 103 CAL APP 4TH 644 AT 658; BOTH CITED WITH APPROVAL IN BRICEW SUPRA AT PG 1082! ALSO SEE PEOPLE V OCHOA (2009) 179 CAL APP 4TH 650 AT 662.

HERE IN THIS INSTANT CASE THERE IS A TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE DEFENDANT / PETITIONER INTENDED TO PROTECT GANG TURF OR FACILITATE GANG OPERATIONS AND NO EVIDENCE OF THE "SPECIFIC INTENT" THAT IS A MANDATORY PREREQUISITE FOR A FINDING OF GUILT ON GANG CHARGE

AS THE COURT IN BRICEW V SCRIBNER SUPRA 555 F. 3D 1069 AT 1082: THAT THE TRIER OF FACT MAY RELY ON EXPERT TESTIMONY ABOUT GANG ~~CULTURE~~ CULTURE AND HABITS -- SUCH TESTIMONY IS INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH THAT A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL POSSESSED A SPECIFIC INTENT ("EMPHASIS ADDED")

(PG 6) HEREIN --- WHATS MORE IS ~~THAT~~ THAT AS INDICATED EARLIER ON (PG 6) HEREIN --- "THAT AN EXPERT WITNESS CANNOT EXPRESS HIS JUDGEMENT OR OPINION THAT THE CRIMES WERE COMMITTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GANG -- FOR THIS WOULD AMOUNTED TO AN OPINION THAT THE [DEFENDANT] WAS GUILTY AND WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPROPER" SEE "BRICEW" SUPRA AT PG 1089, FN. NO. 1, CITING MOSES V PAYNE 543 F. 3D 1090 AT 1106; AND U. S. V LOCKETT 919 F. 2D 585 AT 590

--- AND THIS IS EXACTLY AND PRECISELY WHAT OCCURRED HERE IN PETITIONER BORDA'S CASE SEE THE RESPONDENTS PLEADINGS OR ANSWER FROM DISTRICT COURT PG 4 ~~AT 223-24~~ [3 RT AT 223-24 -- AND 229-33] WHERE THE PROSECUTIONS GANG EXPERT DETECTIVE SKAHILL OPINED THAT THE OFFENSES WERE COMMITTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG

SKAHILL TESTIFIED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE PRESENT SHOOTING WAS COMMITTED TO PROMOTE, ASSIST OR FURTHER HUPERS STREET GANG [3 RT 233-234] ALSO SEE [2 RT 62] AND [3 RT 291, -- 312-313] -- SEE ALSO PETITIONER'S FEDERAL HABEAS CORPUS POINTS + AUTHORITIES (PG 8-11); ---



--- and as SHOULD be ABUNDANTLY Clear Here! --- is that the MAGISTRATES REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS, were wrong and ERRONEOUSLY DECIDED --- and on many levels that conflict with PROVISIONS OF the UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

10.) THE THIRD ARGUMENT OF HIS HABEAS CORPUS --- PETITIONER MAINTAINS THAT THE ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPONS OFFENSES WERE NOT PROVEN AT TRIAL WITH SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE --- and THAT EACH AND EVERY ELEMENT OF THOSE'S CRIMES WERE NOT ESTABLISHED WITH RELIABLE, SOLID EVIDENCE IN VIOLATION OF JACKSON V VIRGINIA SUPRA 443 U.S. 307S and HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO FAIR TRIAL and DUE PROCESS OF LAW WERE VIOLATED --- and THAT HIS TRIAL WAS FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR!! --- PETITIONER ASSERTS THAT ALL THE LOGIC CITATIONS and THEIR ARGUMENTS SET FORTH IN ALLEGATION # 5 THRU 9 IN THIS HABEAS INSTANT MOTION, --- EQUALLY APPLY TO THE ADW OFFENSE AND REQUEST THAT THE COURT CONSIDER THEM AS IF THEY WERE FULLY SET FORTH IN THIS INSTANT ARGUMENT

11.) CUMULATIVE ERRORS

PETITIONER CLAIMS THAT --- THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF THESE ERRORS, RESULTED IN A TRIAL THAT WAS SO INFECTED WITH UNFAIRNESS AS TO MAKE THE RESULTING CONVICTIONS A DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS DONNELLY V DE CHRISTOFORO (1974) 416 U.S. 637, 643:

IN ANALYZING PREJUDICE IN A CASE IN WHICH IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER ANY SINGLE TRIAL ERROR EXAMINED IN ISOLATION IS SUFFICIENTLY PREJUDICIAL TO WARRANT REVERSAL --- THE COURTS HAVE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF MULTIPLE ERRORS --- and NOT SIMPLY CONDUCTING AN ISSUE BY ISSUE ERROR REVIEW see UNITED STATES V FLEDERICK (9TH CIR 1996) 78 F.3D. 1370, 1381 see also FUTHELHEL V WASHINGTON (9TH CIR 2000) 232 F.3D. 1197, 1212! --- noting THAT CUMULATIVE ERROR APPLIES ON HABEAS CORPUS REVIEW AND MATLOCK V ROSE (6TH CIR 1984) 731 F.2D. 1236, 1244. --- "ERRORS THAT MIGHT NOT BE SO PREJUDICIAL AS TO AMOUNT TO A DEPRIVATION OF DUE PROCESS WHEN CONSIDERED ALONE --- MAY CUMULATIVELY, PRODUCE A TRIAL SETTING THAT IS "FUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR"

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IN THE ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, PETITIONER RESPECTFULLY  
INVOKES THE PROTECTIONS OF "Haines v Kerner" (1972)  
404 U.S. 519, 520, AND ITS PROGENY, -- WHERE COURTS  
ARE ADVISED AND INSTRUCTED TO LIBERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE ANY  
PRO-SE PLEADINGS, PETITION'S OR DOCUMENTS AND TO  
NOT REQUIRE OF THEM -- THE SAME STRICT, STRINGENT  
STANDARDS THAT WOULD BE EXPECTED FROM FORMAL PAPERS  
DRAFTED BY ~~LAWYERS~~ LAWYERS OR ATTORNEYS

-- WHEN AN AFFIDANT FILES HIS APPLICATION FOR {C.O.A.}  
IN PRO-SE -- THE COURT OF APPEALS CONSTRUCTS HIS  
PETITION LIBERALLY "Hall v Scott" (10TH CIR 2002) 292 F.3D  
1264; -- and COURT OF APPEALS SHOULD RESOLVE ANY  
DOUBT ABOUT ENTITLEMENT TO {C.O.A.} IN FAVOR OF  
GRANTING IT "Sommer v Johnson" (5TH CIR 1998) 161  
F.3D 941;

-- IN KEEPING WITH THIS, -- PETITIONER MAINTAINS  
THAT HE HAS IN "FACT AND LAW" SATISFIED THE INITIAL  
THRESHOLD SHOWING THAT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS HAVE  
BEEN VIOLATED -- AND THAT HIS CASE DESERVES THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL THE LOWER DISTRICT COURTS  
ERRONEOUS DECISION !!?

WHEREFORE, PETITIONER RESPECTFULLY PRAYS  
THAT THE "HONORABLE", JUSTICES OF NINTH CIRCUIT FEDERAL  
COURT OF APPEALS, -- FIND "GOOD CAUSE" AND ISSUE  
THE "CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY" [C.O.A.]

PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §1746 I DECLARE  
UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS  
TRUE AND CORRECT

Dated: 1/23/13

Jose Anthony Borta  
JOSE ANTHONY BORTA  
PETITIONER  
IN PRO-SE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF KERN

VERIFICATION

C.C.P. SEC. 466 &amp; 2015.5; 28 U.S.C. SEC. 17460

I JOSE A BORJA declare under penalty of perjury that: I am thePETITIONER APPELLANT in the above entitled action. I have read the foregoing documents and know the contents thereof and the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to matters stated therein upon information, and belief, and as to those matters, I believe they are true.Executed this 23 day of JANUARY, 2013, Kern Valley State Prison.

Signature

DECLARANT/PRISONERPROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

C.C.P. SEC. 1013(a) &amp; 2015.5; 28 U.S.C. SEC. 1746

I JOSE A BORJA, am a resident of California State Prison, in the County of KERN, State of California: I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and am/am not a party of the above-entitled action. My state prison address is: P.O. Box 5104, Delano, CA. 93216.On JANUARY 23, 2013, I served the foregoing ① MOTION FOR LEAVE OF COURT TO ACCEPT LATE② PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY  
WITH EXHIBITS 1+2, NOTICE OF APPEAL AND DISTRICT COURTS DENIAL OF GOA.

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